

# Livingston County Historical Society



1983

*Mr and Mrs Harold Byrnes*

## **LIVINGSTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Founded: December 11, 1924

"The purpose of this Club is to discover, collect and preserve whatever relates to the natural, industrial, civil, military, political, social, educational or religious history of Livingston County and to maintain a museum and library; to cultivate the historic sense and diffuse knowledge upon those subjects by meetings and publications."

### **CLUB QUARTERS**

**EVENGLOW LODGE**

## AFFILIATIONS

- "National Register of Historic Places"
- "National Association of State and Local History"
- "Illinois State Historical Society"

In 1977, through the efforts of John Perring and John Lehman, an application was made to have the Jones House accepted on "The National Register." It was accepted, making it the only one in Illinois on this list. This made it possible for grants to be given to restore the house.

## ONGOING PROJECTS

John Ryan's administration contributed a historical monument which was placed upon the south east corner of the Livingston County Court House lawn in 1936.

Reid Tombaugh's administration, with the support and cooperation of a local business man, Frank Lehman, the society purchased the historic Jones House for a museum. The museum, when restored will provide for exhibits of historical items, furniture, pictures, records and the Sutherland albums and tapes.

The J.M. Luther and the present president Harold Byrne's administrations have continued this work and in addition under the leadership of Mary Erickson and friends of the Historical Society, are recording over seventy-five Livingston County cemeteries.

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# PROGRAMS

January 27—"Mr. President," by Carolyn Elliott

February 24—"I, Me and Where?" by Robert Schlosser

March 24—"History of Livingston Manor," by Ann Klein

April 28—"History of Aviation," by Vernon Byrne

May 26—"The Pullman Story," by Edward Myers

September 22—"History of Emington," by Pauline Gallop

October 27—"Folk Art in Illinois," by Merle Glick

November 22 (Tuesday)—"~~Jersey Whitson's Pontiac~~," by Dr.

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If we have inadvertantly left off any one who has contributed to the Historical Society, please contact Ferne Lehman.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

To Pearle Sutherland for the endless hours it took for her to seek out old records, photographs and valuable papers and preserving them in beautiful leather bound albums which she provided. Also for the current pictures of prominent people, buildings and events to preserve for future reference. In the years to come they will be read, studied and used for the valuable information they contain.

To John Perring who guided the Historical Society through the years of obtaining our Historic Jones House and turning it into a beautiful land mark. He and his committee used extreme good judgement in keeping everything about the house authentic for the period in which it was built.

Marcia Cox deserves the thanks of all the members of the Historical Society for keeping all of the records in order, typing, filling out government forms and all the numerous tasks she performs.

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